**Belonging to a Culture**

Discussion

1. Are all of us members of a culture?
2. What Culture?
3. Are we members of more than one culture?
4. What does it mean to belong to a culture?

To answer these questions, how many cultures can you name?

1. Write at least 20 cultures that you can think of.

**Examples of different cultures:** American, Mexican, Italian, Spouse, grandparent, gardener, teacher, student, Democrat, Republican, Athlete, Cheerleader, Rockette, environmentalist, vegetarian, Catholic, Mormon etc.

1. List 20 more cultures

**Describe the characteristics of these cultures**

1. What do they believe in?
2. What do they like?
3. What do they want?
4. What are they like?

**(in groups) Choose three cultures and Identify common characteristics and differing characteristics of the three cultures**

**Macro Culture Micro Culture**

Italian Teenager

Mexican Student

American Parent

Russian athlete

**Conclusion:**

People belong to different groups (cultures) because they share common backgrounds, interests, values, and goals.

People identify themselves with their groups by their behaviors, characteristics, and symbols.

Some groups share common characteristics but many groups have few characteristics in common.